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September 13, 2019

**Via Email: 79518-45315964@requests.muckrock.com**

Ms. Emma Best  
MuckRock News  
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**RE: Massachusetts Public Records Law Request: FBI/DOJ FOIA consult  
(Suffolk County Sheriff's Department)**

Dear Ms. Best:

Per my email to you on September 12, 2019, the Department just received your email request on **September 10, 2019**. This letter is a response to your email request. Your request specifically seeks:

"Copies of any emails, letters, memos or other records of consultations regarding public records requests (FOI/FOIL/FOIA etc.) with either the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Agency components."

Please be advised that pursuant to Public Records Access Regulations, 950 CMR 32.00 et seq., a public entity may charge a requesting party the following fees:

(1) Photocopies (black and white) single or double sided, \$.05 per page; computer printouts (black and white), \$.05 per page, unless otherwise specified by statute; and for records not susceptible to ordinary means of reproduction, the actual cost to provide a copy.

(2) Document search time (i.e., the time necessary to search for and copy responsive records) or segregation time (i.e., the time necessary to delete or redact protected information from records otherwise subject to disclosure); such fee to be determined at the pro-rated hourly rate of the lowest paid employee capable of performing the search, but not more than \$25 per hour. Municipal RAOs may seek permission of the Supervisor of Records to charge a higher rate.

The preliminary fee for this request is the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars and zero-cents (\$125.00), calculated by the time estimate for the lowest paid person that is qualified to comply with the request: 5 hours at \$25 per hour, in addition to the initial 4 hours for a total of 9 hours. A fee has not been assessed on the first 4 hours of work required to comply with the request. If the final fee varies from the estimate at the conclusion of the request, you will be

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entitled to a refund; or, if it is less than the estimate, you may be assessed an additional amount if it exceeds the estimate. Please forward payment to my attention, made payable to the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, 200 Nashua Street, Boston, MA 02114.

If you wish to challenge this response, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records following the procedure set forth in 950 CMR 32.08(1), and you have the right to seek judicial review of any unfavorable decision by commencing a civil action in the superior court pursuant to G.L. c. 66, §10(A)(c).

If you wish to challenge this response, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records following the procedure set forth in 950 CMR 32.08(1), and you have the right to seek judicial review of any unfavorable decision by commencing a civil action in the superior court pursuant to G.L. c. 66, §10(A)(c).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria F. Romero" followed by a circled "20".

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